

Initiative Name:**Great Parents, Great Start****Initiative Description:**

Each intermediate school district was eligible for a grant to develop resources and provide parenting information to the parents of children birth to age 5 in their communities. This is the Governor's initiative that replaces the All Students Achieve Program-Parent Involvement and Education.

Expected Outcomes:*Administration Goals Attained:*

- Early childhood learning / quality child care / parental education

Other Benefits and Outcomes:

- Increased parenting information will be available statewide, providing all communities the advantages of earlier programs that were geographically limited.
- Targeted at-risk families will receive intensive services.
- Collaboration among ISDs statewide and local collaborative groups will further the relationships that provide an infrastructure for early childhood systems and services. This is in sync with State Board of Education policy on Family Involvement (5-15-97).

Progress to Date:

- Interagency agreement between MDE and FIA has been signed and forwarded to MDE by FIA. Contract for data collection work to be drafted. Have had initial communication with ISDs regarding SRSD and data requirements. (7/04)